

# Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6723  
AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS VETERANS'  
**Title:** MONTH.  
**Vote Date:** 2/18/2025  
**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable  
**PH Date:** 2/13/2025  
**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Jaime S. Foster, 57<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
Rep. Rebecca Martinez, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
Rep. Christopher Poulos, 81<sup>st</sup> Dist.  
Rep. Ronald A. Napoli, 73<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
Rep. Tammy Nuccio, 53<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
Rep. Michael DiGiovancarlo, 74<sup>th</sup> Dist.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill designates the month of November as Veterans' Month. Given the importance of the veteran community and the lack of an existing month designated to them, a whole month to promote veterans' issues and commemorate servicemembers would go a long way in honoring their service.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No state administration or agency provided testimony on this bill.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Emily Trudeau, Chair, Connecticut Bar Association's Veteran and Military Affairs**

**Section:** Ms. Trudeau expressed support for expanding the amount of time dedicated to veteran's issues and experiences. A single day (Veteran's Day) is not enough time to give adequate focus to the veteran community and the expansion to a month allows for a more nuanced look at, and appreciation for, veterans.

**Maj. Robert J. Caffrey, (Ret) JD, LPC:** Mr. Caffrey expressed his belief that the bill will positively impact the veteran community.

**General Support:** Several people expressed the importance of recognizing veterans, their service, and their sacrifices. Testimony was provided by:

- **Peter Piona**
- **Robert Titus**
- **Robert Wnek**
- **Kevin Kauffman**
- **Hannah Linnell**
- **William Sacchi**
- **Thomas Mead**
- **Randy Cyr**
- **Kieran Edmondson**
- **Nancy Comeau.**

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Aston Foley**

**Date: 02/24/2025**